

ART. XXVI.—*A New Variety of Volute from Western Australia.*

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*Voluta nivosa*, var. *coxi*.

Shell, dull red colour. This dullness may be owing to being a dead specimen; ovately oblong, spire short, lower whorls noded, upper whorls slanting from apex and noded. These are almost obscure when touching body whorl at an angle. Columella four plaited, snowflake marking large on body whorl, and in most respects resembling original description of *V. nivosa*. The differences consist in the largeness of the size, difference of colour, and the tuberculation of the whorls, also colouring of interior, which is lemon colour merging into orange.

Greatest length, 5 inches. Greatest breadth, 2 inches.

Greatest circumference,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

*Locality*.—Garden Island, W.A.

There are now several varieties of *V. nivosa*, but in colouration and form the most remarkable of these varieties is the recently described var. *irviniana* of E. A. Smith, owing to its coronal spikes, whereas *V. coxi*, although of the same ruddy hue, has reverted to the original shape of *V. nivosa* as described by Lamarck, but is of much larger size.

The specimen now described is from the collection of Mrs. J. F. Irvine, Evandale, Tasmania, and is named as a tribute to the late Dr. J. C. Cox, of Sydney, whose lamented death is a great loss to the scientific world.